

The Botanical work is called

植物名實圖考

Chik wuh ming shih Tu Koo, literally,

Plates + Examinations of the names
& fruits of things which are planted,

It is a modern work, published in
1848 by Wu Ki-sun of Tai-yuen in
Shansi. Half of it contains about 1800
carefully executed wood cuts of the
plants now known to the Chinese;
the rest of it is agricultural, giving
directions about cultivating grains,
vegetables, and herbs. This edition
was revised by Luh Ying-kuh of
Yunnan, who pictured & described
many plants from that region. It
is incomparably the best book on
botany by a native Chinese. Though
not an ancient work, its superiority
has caused it to be sought after by the

native scholars; and possibly the
blocks may have been destroyed in
some of the internal troubles in
China